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Audio Accessory Switching Circuit

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Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR §1.181

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a withdrawal of the holding of abandonment per 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) for the application indicated above. As this petition is filed within 2 months from the notice of abandonment, no terminal disclaimer has been included.

On June 17, 2005, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to Applicants for this case. The Notice of Abandonment indicated that the file was abandoned due to Applicant's failure to timely respond to an Office Action mailed September 29, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of Abandonment be withdrawn for the following reason: Applicants timely submitted and Amendment and Response to the Office Action on November 23, 2004 via facsimile to 703-872-9306, which was within the three month time limit for response set forth in the Office Action. Applicants include herein a copy of the amendment, as well as the transmittal having a certificate of transmission attached thereto, and the facsimile confirmation sheet indicating successful transmission.

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CONCLUSION

As the Amendment/Reply was successfully transmitted via facsimile to the USPTO prior to the three month time limit, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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AUDIO ACCESSORY SWITCHING CIRCUIT

AMENDMENT

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Sir.

This amendment is in response to an Office Action mailed September 29, 2004, a response thereto being due on or before December 29, 2004. In view of the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, including fees for extensions of time, to Deposit Account Number 50-2117.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A switching circuit comprising consisting essentially of:
 - a. at least one a pair of accessory transistors, the pair comprising two p-channel MOSFETs;
 - at least one a pair of phone transistors, the pair comprising two n-channel MOSFETs;
 - at least one call control signal coupled to <u>both</u> the at least one <u>pair of</u> accessory transistors and the at least one <u>pair of</u> phone transistors;
 - d. at least one accessory channel coupled to the at least one pair of accessory transistors;
 - e. at least one phone audio bus coupled to the at least one pair of phone transistors;
 - f. a pair of pull-up resistors coupled to the pair of accessory transistors; and
 - g. at least one a pair of speakers;

wherein when the call control signal is active, the at least one phone channel audio bus is coupled to the pair of speakers, and when the call control signal is not active, the at least one accessory channel is coupled to the at least one pair of speakers.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The circuit of claim 1, further comprising at least one microphone coupled to the at least one pair of phone transistors.
- 3. (Original) The circuit of claim 2, wherein the at least one accessory channel comprises a right audio channel and a left audio channel.

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- 4. (Currently Amended) The circuit of claim 3, wherein the at least one pair of speakers comprises a right speaker and a left speaker.
- (Currently Cancelled) The circuit of claim 4, wherein the at least one accessory transistor and the at least one phone transistor are selected from the group consisting of MOSFETs, BJTs, and JFETs.
- (Currently Cancelled) The circuit of claim 5, wherein the at least one accessory transister and the at least one phone transister are MOSFETs.
- 7. (Currently Canceled) The circuit of claim 6, wherein the at least one accessory transistor is a p-channel MOSFET and the at least one phone channel transistor is a n-channel MOSFET.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Specification:

The most recent Office Action (OA) states that a summary of the invention is missing. Applicants respectfully submit that a summary, identified in the specification as such, is optional. Applicants respectfully submit that according to MPEP §601.01, an application is complete when it is filed "...containing a description pursuant to § 1.71 and at least one claim pursuant to § 1.75, and any drawing required by § 1.81(a) are filed in the Patent and Trademark Office." As Applicants have included a description in accordance sith §1.71, at least one claim and drawings. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is complete.

Applicants note that 37 CFR §1.71 states the following:

- a) The specification must include a written description of the invention or discovery and of the manner and process of making and using the same, and is required to be in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which the invention or discovery appertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same.
- (b) The specification must set forth the precise invention for which a patent is solicited, in such manner as to distinguish it from other inventions and from what is old. It must describe completely a specific embodiment of the process, machine, manufacture, composition of matter or improvement invented, and must explain the mode of operation or principle whenever applicable. The best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention must be set forth.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither 37 CFR §1.71 or in MPEP §601.01, which defines a complete specification, requires a specifically designated summary section in the specification. Applicants note that numerous patents, including patent Nos. 6,798,174; 6,798,168; 6,797,427; 6,782,099; and 6,771,051 have issued without summary sections in the description. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objection in light of these comments.

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Claims 1-4 remain in the application.

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: — the at least phone channel— of line 9 doesn't have a prior disclosure in the claim, but only "at least one phone audio bus" is discussed in line 7.

Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for the amendment suggestion. The Examiner is correct in presuming that "phone channel" was an inadvertent typographical error, in that it should be – phone audio bus – as recited in element "e" of the claim. Applicants have amended the claim to provide proper antecedent basis for line 9. Applicants have additionally inserted commas as suggested by the OA. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections in light of the amendments.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsieh (USPN 4,993,061) in view of Chen (USPN 6,349,223) and further in view of Adams (USPN 6,594,366).

Applicants have canceled claims 5-7. Applicants have amended claim 1 in a variety of ways: First, the transitional term has been amended from "comprising" to – consisting essentially of –. Next, the at least one accessory transistor at least one phone transistor have been amended to recite p and n channel MOSFETs. Support for these amendments are found in the claims as originally filed, and in FIG. 1.

In light of the amendments, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that there is no suggestion in any of the references to reduce the part count of the complex circuits found in Hsieh, Chen and Adams to the simple, four transistor circuit claimed by Applicants. Applicants' simple structure is pointed out in the claims with the transitional term "consisting essentially of". Applicants note that Hsieh teaches an electronic circuit in which sophisticated integrated circuits are used in combination (e.g., IC31-2 and IC31-4 must work in harmony). Chen teaches a complex switching block. Adams teaches single throw switches. Applicants teach a simple, four transistor circuit which is lower in cost and more efficient than is a combination of Hsieh, Chen and Adams.

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Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that the control signal in Applicants' claims is different from the switching signal of Hsieh, which is cited as the switching signal of the combination. Specifically, Applicants' control signal is active or inactive, as it is a voltage based signal that is active high or active low. (Claim 1, wherein clause and page 3, lines 15-20.) By contrast, the switching signal of Hsieh is a frequency based signal. (Hsieh, col. 3, lines 52-56.) As such, Applicants' claimed invention accommodates a much wider array of peripheral devices, and employs a simpler, more cost effective circuit than Hsieh. (Note also that the switching signals of both Chen and Adams are different as well. The Chen interconnects the phone and the car stereo system by way of a specific cable custom made for a particular phone model. Adams interconnects the phone and headset via a sensing circuit which uses different impedances to sense the use of the headset and or the phone. Applicants' claimed invention is distinct, in addition to being both simpler and less expensive.) Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendment.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicants believe the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Applicants believe this application is now in condition for allowance, for which they respectfully submit.

Respectfully submitted,

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